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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations  
SUBJECT : ANNUAL BUREAU CHIEFS CONFERENCE

I found the Bureau Chiefs Conference particularly beneficial going out to the field as Bureau Chief for the first time. Prior to the conference, I felt that much of it would be a rehash of what I had learned during my check-out briefings and meetings with various FBIS components over the previous two years. Instead, it covered a wide variety of topics, requirements and areas of concern to the bureaus which I had previously been unaware of and which only could be discussed, explained or resolved through such a meeting at which everyone could present their views. It also enabled the chiefs to meet and hear the views of the new Director of the Agency.

Of particular importance to me was the Mid East regional conference, which enabled me to sit in on the Bureau Chiefs' discussion of coverage, coordination and objectives with the members of OPS, FCS, AG and the DR present to add their insights. In addition, the opportunity to meet privately with the various Middle East Chiefs to discuss coverage, coordination and training within the region better prepared me for my Jordan assignment and enhanced my awareness of just how important interaction among the regional bureaus is.

The length of the conference appeared to be about right. The regional meetings were set up so that those who were not directly involved in particular areas could use that time to conduct their business with other components. I'm just sorry that I was unable to attend all the meetings I would have liked to because of various commitments connected with my 2 May departure.

Apart from the conference itself, I was grateful for the various offers of assistance should I require it in the field from OPS, Admin and B&F, and particularly for the offers of support from the Director on down for my family should the need arise prior to their joining me here.

  
Chief, Jordan Bureau

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